

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on March 6, 2014 in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Judge Walsh, John Gossage, Larry Malcomson, Jed Neuman, Pat Evans, Troy Streckenbach, Tom Molitor, Judge Zuidmulder
Citizen Reps: Tim Mc Nulty

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Walsh at 8:06 a.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Jed Neuman to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/modify minutes of September 18, 2013 and January 16, 2014.**

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Mental Health Court (Judge Zuidmulder).**

Judge Zuidmulder provided this Board with an update on the Mental Health Treatment Court. He indicated that there has been a large community concern about heroin and there have been a number of meetings held with the Sheriff's Department, Police Department and US Attorney's Office and others. Judge Zuidmulder has been the go between on treatment courts as to whether or not the heroin issue can be addressed from a treatment court standpoint. Judge Zuidmulder has indicated to the Drug Court Team that he believes we all exist to serve the community and be responsive to what is going on and address changes in these circumstances. He believes that current heroin issues are urgent. He was startled to learn that some of the people who have heroin problems are no different than any of the people sitting in this meeting. To him, this is an example of how devastating and wide spread the problem is.

Judge Zuidmulder continued that the literature suggests that because of the highly addictive nature of heroin, traditional probation and corrections cannot do much about it due to the lack of intense tools. He indicated that he would be willing to start a separate treatment court for heroin users. The traditional population in Drug Court is people that have been in the criminal justice system for a long time and have alcohol and drug abuse problems. A Heroin Court population would probably be geared more towards first time users. Part of the other issue with regard to this matter is that it will be necessary to hire the second person which was designated to give assistance to the Veteran's Treatment Court and start the Mental Health Court and also provide support to the Drug Court. A personnel allocation will be necessary for someone to staff the Heroin Court, although Judge Zuidmulder does not know what the demand for the Heroin Court will be. A future conversation may need to be held with the County Executive to look for

additional staffing or other resources to serve the people that can be served by the treatment courts.

Zuidmulder continued that he has been spending some time in the Veteran's Treatment Court recently and he is trying to be in a position where he can serve in all of the treatment courts as needs occur. He was hopeful that the TAD grant would be awarded and used to provide a screener as that would free up some of the Judge's time as well as his staff's time which would allow them to concentrate more on the functions of the treatment courts.

A discussion on heroin ensued and different ideas and problems were discussed. The idea of a day report center was also discussed.

5. **Update on TAD Grant (David Lasee).**

DA David Lasee was not in attendance at the meeting and therefore this matter was not discussed; however, it was noted that Brown County was not selected to receive the grant in the first round.

6. **Update on Jail utilization meeting for April 16, 2014.**

Judge Walsh stated that this meeting is slated for a half day, but may not take that long. Judge Zuidmulder noted that some of the people in the County Jail are there because bench warrants were issued due to lack of appearance at a court date. He stated that he has a criminal calendar every seven days so there is no reason an offender should not appear in court within six or seven days of being arrested. This is the type of things that need to be addressed at the meeting on April 16. Judge Zuidmulder felt this meeting was necessary to come up with some ways to fast track people who cannot raise bond to see a public defender right away so they can get in court quickly to ease the Jail population. Other ideas were discussed and this will be discussed in much greater detail at the meeting on April 16.

Judge Walsh urged everyone to come to the meeting with ideas and he indicated that he will be putting out an agenda for this meeting soon.

7. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to adjourn at 8:43 am. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary